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City Cabaret Celebrates Its Eleventh Concert Season

GROTON - The schedule for **City Cabaret 2016** has been finalized. The eleventh season kicks off in January.

All **City Cabaret 2016** concerts are held in the City of Groton Auditorium at 295 Meridian Street in the City of Groton on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. through March.

The **City Cabaret** concert series is co-sponsored and co-produced by Groton Utilities and the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Department.

The OBrien Strings, a classical trio, will be featured January 17, 2016. **The OBrien Strings** plays everything from "Bach to Broadway." The trio consists of Kate O'Brien on the violin, Lydia Leizman on the viola, and Zoe Hassman on the cello. The group will play a variety of music, including classical and Kate Obrien's original arrangements of popular, ethnic and fiddling styles.

High Society, a unit of the Westerly Band, will be featured at the February 21 concert of **City Cabaret 2016**. The band plays Dixieland and music of the 1920s.

This musical group is composed of nine musicians, who play the following instruments: two cornets, trombone, tenor saxophone and two alto saxophones, all doubling clarinet or soprano sax, banjo, tuba and drums.

You'll hear familiar and not-so-familiar tunes composed by W. C. Handy, Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Hoagy Carmichael, Nick LaRoca and other composers of early jazz.

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Andy Sherwood's Dixieland Jazz Quartet will perform its usual musical magic on March 20, 2016.

The quartet, an annual performer in the series, includes Andy Sherwood, playing the clarinet; Ian Frenkel on the piano; Tom Briggs on drums; and Bryan Rizzuto on bass.

Clarinetist and saxophonist Sherwood displays a style deeply rooted in the clarinet playing of Benny Goodman, "the King of Swing," and Pete Fountain, "the King of Dixieland." Andy grew up listening to these great clarinetists, eventually leading him to audition and win the position as jazz clarinetist for the U.S. Coast Guard Band. He retired from the band in 2009 after 24 years.

Dessert and coffee will be available for purchase from the Fitch High School Alcohol and Drug Free Party Committee.

The concerts are free. No alcohol is allowed. The concert info line is **(860) 446-4129**.